

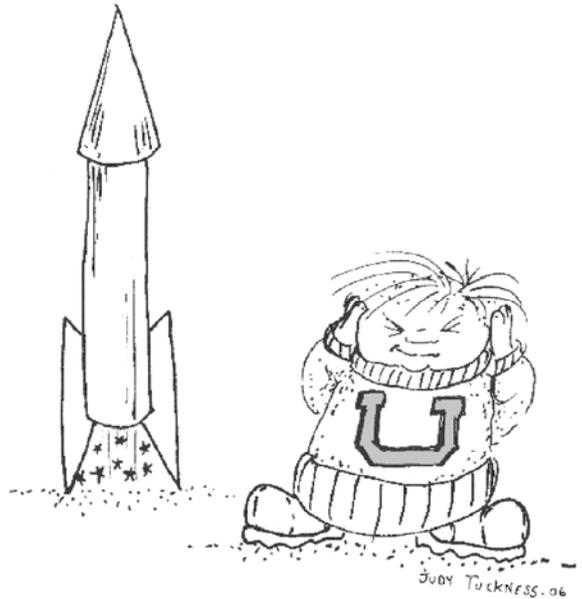
July 2007 Theme -- "The Rocket's Red Glare"

Learn to sing "The Star Spangled Banner." Find out how and why Francis Scott Key wrote our national anthem. Make water rockets and have fun getting everyone wet. Conduct a pack water rocket launch. Take the pack to see the local fireworks on the Fourth of July. Build a model of the kind of rocket that took people or a satellite into space. Earn the Citizenship belt loop and pin.

Webelos Activity Badges for July 2007: Aquanaut and Geologist

Starting in June 2007 you will find the latest edition of Baloo's Bugle at <http://www.usscouts.org/bbugle/bb0706/index.html>.

The following resources are supplements to your monthly Program Helps.



THOUGHTFUL ITEMS FOR SCOUTERS

Prayer

Cub Scout Roundtable Planning Guide

We hope to be strong not in our physical might but in our belief in and support of our freedoms, established and maintained by our Constitution. May the symbol of our country, the red and white stripes, and blue field with white stars, continue to fly high to inspire and encourage respect and freedom for all. May the Scouts gathered here tonight, remember, honor, and respect the symbol of our great country, our flag, Old Glory. **Amen**

It's Just a Piece of Cloth

It's just a piece of cloth, that's all it is
Just a piece of cloth.
But when a little breeze comes along, it stirs and comes to life
And flutters and snaps in the wind, all red and white and blue....
Then you realize that no other piece of cloth could be like it.
It has your whole life wrapped up in it...
The meals you eat, the time you spend with your family,
The kind of things boys and girls learn at school,
The strange and wonderful thoughts you get in church. Those stars on it...
They make you feel just as free as the stars in the wide, wide, deep night.
And the stripes....they are the bars of blood
To any dictator who would try to change this way of life.
Just a piece of cloth, that's all it is
Until you put your soul into it and give it meaning;
Then it is the symbol of liberty and decency and fair dealing for everyone.
It is just a piece of cloth
Until we breathe life into it.
Until we make it stand for everything we believe in
And refuse to live without it.

Flag Makers

From an address delivered by Franklin K. Lane, then Secretary of the Interior, before more than 1,000 employees of the Department of the Interior on Flag Day, June 14, 1914.

This morning, as I passed into the Land Office, the Flag dropped me a most cordial salutation, and from its rippling folds I heard it say: 'Good morning, Mr Flag Maker'

'I beg your pardon, Old Glory,' I said. 'Aren't you mistaken? I am not the President of the United States, nor a member of Congress, nor even a general in the Army. I am only a government clerk.'

'I greet you again, Mr. Flag Maker.' replied the cheerful voice. 'I know you well. You are the man who worked in the swelter of yesterday, straightening out the tangle of that farmer's homestead in Idaho, or perhaps you found the mistake in that Indian contract in Oklahoma, or helped to clear that patent for a hopeful inventor in New York, or pushed the opening of that new ditch in Colorado, or made that mine in Illinois more safe, or brought relief to the old soldier in Wyoming. No matter: what- ever one of these beneficent individuals you happen to be, I give you greeting. Mr. Flag Maker'

I was about to pass on, when the Flag stopped me with these words:

'Yesterday the President spoke a word that made happier the future of ten million peons in Mexico; but that act looms no larger on the Flag than the struggle which the boy in Georgia is making to win the Corn Club prize this summer.

'Yesterday the Congress spoke a word which will open the door of Alaska; but a mother in Michigan worked from sunrise until far into the night, to give her boy an education. She, too, is making the Flag.

'Yesterday we made a new law to prevent financial panics, and yesterday, maybe a schoolteacher in Ohio taught his first letters to a boy who will one day write a song that will give cheer to the millions of our race. We are all making the Flag.'

'But,' I said impatiently, 'these people were only working!'

Then came a great shout from the Flag:

'The work that we do is the making of the Flag.

I am not the flag; not at all. I am but its shadow.

I am whatever you make me; nothing more.

I am your belief in yourself, your dream of what a people may become.

I am song and fear, struggle and panic, and ennobling hope.

I am the day's work of the weakest man, and the largest dream of the most daring.

I am the Constitution and the courts, statutes and the statute-makers, soldier and dreadnaught, drayman and streetsweep, cook, counselor and clerk.

I am the battle of yesterday and the mistake of tomorrow.

I am the mystery of the men who do, without knowing why.

I am the clutch of an idea and the reasoned purpose of resolution.

I am no more than you believe me to be, and I am all that you believe I can be.

I am what you make me, nothing more.

I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself, a pictured suggestion of that great thing which makes this nation.

My stars and stripes are your dream and your labors. They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, and firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your hearts.

For you are the makers of the flag and it is well that you glory in the making.

Franklin K. Lane,
former Secretary of the Interior (1913-1920)
from an address given on Flag Day, June 14, 1914
The entire text of the speech is available at
<http://www.geocities.com/Eureka/Plaza/7750/FlagMake.html>

Flag Quotations

Quotations contain the wisdom of the ages, and are a great source of inspiration for Cubmaster's minutes, material for an advancement ceremony or an insightful addition to a Pack Meeting program cover.

The whole inspiration of our life as a nation flows out from the waving folds of this banner. [Author Unknown](#)

If anyone, then, asks me the meaning of our flag, I say to him - it means just what Concord and Lexington meant; what Bunker Hill meant; which was, in short, the rising up of a valiant young people against an old tyranny to establish the most momentous doctrine that the world had ever known - the right of men to their own selves and to their liberties. [Henry Ward Beecher](#)

There is not a thread in it but scorns self-indulgence, weakness and rapacity. [Charles Evans Hughes](#)

I am whatever you make me, nothing more. I am your belief in yourself, your dream of what a people may become.... I am the clutch of an idea, and the reasoned purpose of resolution. I am no more than you believe me to be and I am all that you believe I can be. I am whatever you make me, nothing more. [Franklin Knight Lane](#)

When Freedom from her mountain height
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of night,
And set the stars of glory there.
[Joseph Rodman Drake, The American Flag](#)

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A moth-eaten rag on a worm-eaten pole
It does not look likely to stir a man's soul,
'Tis the deeds that were done 'neath the moth-eaten rag,
When the pole was a staff, and the rag was a flag.
[Sir Edward B. Hamley, 1824-1893](#)

I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. [Francis Bellamy, The Youth's Companion, 8 September 1892](#)

It is the flag just as much of the man who was naturalized yesterday as of the men whose people have been here many generations. [Henry Cabot Lodge](#)

That piece of red, white and blue bunting means five thousand years of struggle upwards. It is the full-grown flower of ages of fighting for liberty. It is the century plant of human hope in bloom. ~[Alvin Owsley](#)

Off with your hat, as the flag goes by!
And let the heart have its say;
you're man enough for a tear in your eye
that you will not wipe away.
[Henry Cuyler Bunner](#)

We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity, representing our liberty.
[George Washington, attributed](#)

Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
[Francis Scott Key, The Star-Spangled Banner](#)

Our flag means all that our fathers meant in the Revolutionary War. It means all that the Declaration of Independence meant. It means justice. It means liberty. It means happiness.... Every color means liberty. Every thread means liberty. Every star and stripe means liberty. [Henry Ward Beecher](#)

We do not consecrate the flag by punishing its desecration, for in doing so we dilute the freedom that this cherished emblem represents. [Justice William J. Brennan, for the Majority US Supreme Court Decision, 3 July 1989](#)

Have not I myself known five hundred living soldiers sabred into crows' meat for a piece of glazed cotton, which they call their flag; which had you sold it at any market-cross, would not have brought above three groschen? [Thomas Carlyle, "Sartor Resartus"](#)

The flag of the United States has not been created by rhetorical sentences in declarations of independence and in bills of rights. It has been created by the experience of a great people, and nothing is written upon it that has not been written by their life. It is the embodiment, not of a sentiment, but of a history. [Woodrow Wilson](#)

TRAINING TIP

Planning a Summer of Fun!

Although many consider Cub Scouts to be a 9 month program – the secret is that the most successful Pack programs usually have some type of summer program. These can be loosely organized outings for the whole family. Or, you can continue your program of pack meetings and events in the summer as well. National recognizes this extra effort with the National Summertime Pack Award.



The National Summertime Award

Incentive for summer planning is the National Summertime Pack Award, an attractive, full-color certificate, and the National Summertime Pack Award streamer for the pack flag. These can be earned by packs that conduct three summer pack activities - one each month during June, July and August.

Dens with at least 50 percent of their members at the three summertime activities receive a den participation ribbon. Individual Cub Scouts who attend all three activities can be recognized by their pack with the National Summertime Award pin.

The Cubmaster or pack committee secretary should keep a record of all summer pack activities on the chart in the National Summertime Pack Award Planning Guide. Submit the application section of the record sheet for approval by the camping and activities or Cub Scout committee of the local council. Make arrangements for the den, pack and individual Cub Scout awards to be presented at an early fall pack meeting.

If your pack has not already planned some activities this summer, DO IT NOW! Go fishing or hiking in June, day camps and Webelos Resident Camp are in July, and have an ice cream social, family picnic or family camping overnight in August. Remember, you will need to promote and remind parents of your events to make sure they remember to attend!

Where to go – What to do?

Summer program is very important to northern climate areas. By not having an outdoor program for Cubs, you are missing out on the best three months of weather you get! Outings can be den, pack or family oriented. Here are just a few ideas:

- **Family Overnight campout** at an approved Cub Scout facility. These should have flush toilets for the convenience of younger boys and family members less comfortable with camping. Be sure your destination is approved by calling the Council office and seeing if the facilities have been approved – per the Guide To Safe Scouting.
- **Amusement Parks** – almost everyone has an amusement or water park someone close. Call the park and see if they offer special discount to groups or scouts. Many have special days with very low rates just for scouts and their families.
- **Family Picnic** – a bring a dish, softball/volleyball/ scavenger hunt can be great fun, with very little work. There are a number of facilities to go to in the area, including pavilions for sunny or wet days. Check with the park department to see if you reserve a pavilion – or if it is first come first serve. You may need to send someone there early to make sure you get your spot.
- **Day Hike and campfire** – have them brush up on all the skits you taught them from Roundtable and come out for a big campfire. Plan a short walking hike to areas of interest ahead of time. Many County and State parks (For you Ohioans - like Fort Laurens in Zoar, and the Towpath trail) are great places to take short hikes – before settling in for a campfire or picnic.
- **Parent-Son baseball game** – nothing caps off the baseball season like a parent- son baseball game. You can divide up the teams – with a parent going to one side and the son to other team. This usually keeps things calm for those that are overcompetitive. You can play parents against the boys (usually great fun) but Dads have to play opposite handed. They have to bat and throw with there non-preferred hand. Its ok to catch the ball with the preferred hand. If you have a Mom that was a state softball champion, you may have to have her bat opposite handed as well.
- **County and state parks** often have ample facilities for a pack, a great nature lodge, and fishing. Usually there is a great picnic area. Call your park for more information.
- **A pack fishing derby is enormous fun.** A few trophies is all it takes. Make sure to give out prizes for the biggest and most fish. Don't know how to do this? Find a local fishing derby and have your pack go and participate with everyone else in the community.
- **Derby Days** – hold a raingutter regatta, space derby – and second pinewood derby race – for no prizes. Have a Dad's division so they can build their own car and leave Jr.'s alone next year.
- **Look for District or Council summertime** events to take part in as a pack. Day camps, resident camps, Parent-Child campouts. These count toward your award, and make planning a whole lot easier.
- **Minor league Ball games** – Most minor league ball teams hold a scout night with a sleepover in the outfield. Check out your local team!! And the cost is usually very reasonable. The Wilmington Blue Rocks are about \$6 a ticket. Or if not a sleepover – catch a fireworks night!!

Program is only limited by your imagination. Take the time and add summertime program to your calendar. This is especially important if you are doing any kind of spring recruiting. You need a summertime program to remind the new parents and boys why they joined Scouting.

GATHERING ACTIVITIES

4th of July

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 Fireworks
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 Liberty
 New Hampshire
 North Carolina
 Rhode Island
 Taxes
 Virginia

Delaware
 Flag
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 Maryland
 New Jersey
 Parade
 South Carolina
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Respect To Our Flag

Divide into Dens giving each group paper and pencil. At the start, each will write as many different ways of showing respect to our flag as they can remember. The team with the most correct methods in a given time is the winner. Example: "Never let the flag touch the ground."

Our Flag (True or False)

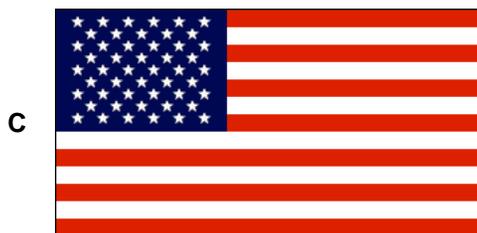
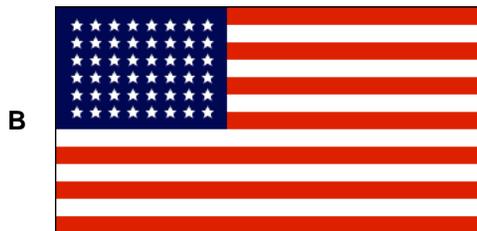
Divide into two or more small teams. Give each team a given time to mark and hand in their paper. You might enjoy making up your own lists:

1. T F The Grand Union flag was partly British.
2. T F The Betsy Ross flag had 15 stars.
3. T F Our flag once had 15 stripes.
4. T F June 14 is Flag Day.
5. T F We now have one star for each state.
6. T F If in uniform, salute the flag as it passes.
7. T F If not in uniform, salute just the same.
8. T F Stand when "America" is played.
9. T F Do not fly the flag after sunset.
10. T F The flag may be used as a table cover.

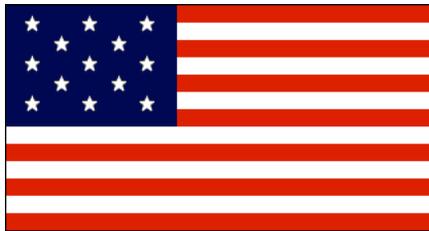


Historical American Flag Match

Can you match the flag with its event in history?



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1. The First Official United States Flag: This Flag became the Official United States Flag on June 14th, 1777 and is the result of the congressional action that took place on that date. The only President to serve under this flag was George Washington

2. The Star Spangled Banner This Flag became the Official United States Flag on May 1st, 1795, and was to last for 23 years. This flag was the only U.S. Flag to have more than 13 stripes. It was immortalized by Francis Scott Key during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, Sept 13, 1814

3. This flag flew when the Civil war began. This Flag became the Official United States Flag on July 4th, 1859; there were 33 states when the Civil War began on April 12, 1861

4. This flag was used longer than any other flag. On July 4, 1912, President William H. Taft passed an Executive Order establishing the proportions of the flag and providing for arrangement of the stars with single point of each star to be upward. This flag was official for 47 years, through two World Wars and the emergence of the United States of America as the leading nation of the world.

5. This is the 27th flag of the United States. An Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically. This flag became the official flag on July 4th, 1960, after Alaska and Hawaii became states. Nine presidents have served under this flag

Answers - 1E, 2A, 3D, 4B, 5C

Flag Recipe

Props –

Large pot, Big spoon, American flag, Stars,
1 cup red crepe paper bits,
1 cup blue crepe paper bits,
1 cup white crepe paper bits,

Cub Scouts form a semi-circle around the pot. American flag is folded and hidden in the pot. Each Cub Scout is holding an ingredient, which he adds at the right time:

Cub # 1: We are going to fix for you a treat that is really grand; And make for you a recipe... the greatest in the land.

Cub # 2: First we'll put in a heaping cup of red for courage true (*add red paper to pot*)

Cub # 3: And then we will add for loyalty a dash of heavenly blue (*add blue paper to pot*)

Cub # 4: For purity, we will now sift in a layer of snowy white (*add white paper to pot*)

Cub # 5: We will sprinkle in a pinch of stars to make it come out right (*add stars to pot*)

Cub # 6: We will stir and stir and then you will see, that what we made is (*stir with spoon*)

All: Old Glory! (*pull out the flag from the bottom*) Please stand now as we recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

I Am an American

Equipment

American Flag, and Pack Flags
12 cards with the statements below in **LARGE** print
Honor Guard, and 12 Cub Scouts to read the statements.

Procedure: The Honor Guard marches in, posts the flags, and then leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then the 12 Cub Scouts read their statements in turn.

Cub # 1: My country gives us the opportunities to advance according to our ambitions and abilities. Education is

for all. I am an American.

Cub # 2: My country means love of freedom, faith in democracy, justice, and equality. I am an American.

Cub # 3: My country believes in the worth of every person. I am an American.

Cub # 4: My country gives us the privilege of expressing beliefs or opinions without fear of prosecution. I am an American.

Cub # 5: My country is a democracy; it is our duty to keep it that way. I am an American.

Cub # 6: My country promises life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I am an American.

Cub # 7: My country is one that we should protect and defend. I am an American.

Cub # 8: My country is and will always remain the land of the free and the home of the brave. I am an American.

Cub # 9: My country needs informed, intelligent and active citizens. I am an American.

Cub # 10: My country tries to meet its people's needs with abiding love and loyalty. I am an American.

Cub # 11: My country's government is the servant not the master of the people. I am an American.

Cub # 12: My country has a statue of liberty whose torch will burn brightly as long as we tend the flame of freedom. I am an American.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

PROPS:

- Curtains on stage - behind which is U.S. Flag (Either a painting, or a print or a real flag opened out flat - blue in upper left corner).
- Artist's Smock for each Cub (One of Dad's old shirts), large paint brush and paper palettes.

DL We are honored to have as our guests a group of famous artists, who are going to combine their efforts and talents to paint us a great masterpiece. As they are introduced they will tell you what their contributions will be.

Cub # 1: I will paint for you the tradition and charm of New England, showing you the fishing and boating industries of its rugged coast and its historic heritage. (Steps behind curtain.)

Cub # 2: I will portray through my brush the tremendous harbors of New York City; the melting pot of peoples from many lands that make up its teeming population. (Steps behind curtain.)

Cub # 3: My artistry will show you the charm of our Southland, the beauty of its magnolias and azaleas, the strength of its struggle through and after the Civil War years; and the contrast of the serenity of Kentucky's bluegrass country with old New Orleans at Mardi Gras time.

Cub # 4: May I add to our canvas just a little of the beauty of our great Midwest; cosmopolitan Chicago; Detroit, the automobile capital of the world; the waving grain of the rolling plains; and the deep blue of the ten thousand lakes of Minnesota. (Steps behind curtain.)

Cub # 5: Our great South and Mid-west will be a task to portray, BUT no mere picture can convey the majesty of the Grand Canyon, the beauty of the Painted Desert, the expansiveness of Texas or the splendor of the Colorado Rockies; the fantastic land of geysers, Yellowstone Park, or the Great Salt Lake in Utah. (Steps behind curtain.)

Cub # 6: Our beautiful West Coast reaches from the hot Mexican border to the cold snows of Alaska. In between, we find Hollywood's glamour, the Golden Gate Bridge of San Francisco, towering redwood, sequoia, and Douglas fir trees, the beauty of Oregon's Crater Lake, and Washington's majestic Mt. Rainier. Where once rough, tough gold prospectors were found in Alaska, now tourists spend happy summers experiencing, among other things, Denali and the wilderness of our largest state. (Steps behind curtain.)

Cub # 7: I will complete our picture with the waves of the famous Waikiki Beach, with Diamond Head volcano in the background of the exotic metropolis of Honolulu. Our newest State, Hawaii, with its blue waters and active volcanoes makes for a lush tropical paradise. (Steps behind curtain.)

DL And now for the unveiling. May I present our great masterpiece!

As the curtains are slowly parted and "America the Beautiful" is played, the flag is solemnly shown, with the "artists" standing on each side of the United States Flag they just "painted".

Our American Heritage

A Cub Scout stands blindfolded, gagged, and wrists tied before the audience.

Cubmaster:

This is an American boy.

The American Revolution won him freedom. (CM unties him.)

The Constitution guarantees him free speech. (CM removes gag.)

A free education gives him the ability to see and to understand. (CM removes blindfold.)

Let us help Cub Scouting teach him to preserve and enjoy his glorious heritage and to become a good citizen. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hard Work Flag Ceremony

Equipment: American Flag

Cub # 1: When we think of the American Cowboy, we think of long, hard working days.

Cub # 2: Americans built our country with hard work.

Cub # 3: In Cub Scouts we learn about the importance of work and service.

Cub # 4: All workers contribute to the good of society through their labors.

Cub # 5: Each year our nation honors all workers on Labor Day, the first Monday in September.

Cub # 6: Some Americans celebrate Labor Day with a rodeo during the day and fireworks at night.

Cub # 7: Please stand now and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag in remembrance of the contribution of all workers in our country.

Patriotic Opening

Set Up: In this ceremony, four Scouts take part. Room is in complete darkness. Spotlight is on the flag with color guards on one side of the room. Three colored candles red, white, and blue are on the table.

Cub # 1: (Lights red candle) The red of my flag is the lifeblood of brave men, ready to die or worthily live, for this, our country.

Cub # 2: (Lights white candle) The white of my flag is for purity, cleanness of purpose, thought, word and deed.

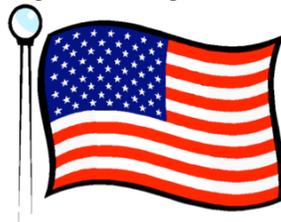
Cub # 3: (Lights blue candle) The blue of my flag is for truth and justice, like the eternal blue of star filled heavens.

Cub # 4: (ALL SALUTE) My flag - the flag of America, home of liberty, land of opportunity, where men of all races and creeds live in friendship and peace together.

Cubmaster: TWO! Lights! Let's have a cheer for our Opening Ceremony.

You're A Grand Old Flag Opening

Say a few words about the flag and Flag Day (June 14) and then have everyone stand and sing "You're A Grand Old Flag," by George Michael Cohen, as the flags are brought to the front of the room.



"You're A Grand Old Flag," by George Michael Cohen

You're a grand old flag,
You're a highflying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of the land I love
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev'ry heart beats true
'neath the Red, White, and Blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag.
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eyes on the grand old flag.

I Am Your Flag

Set Up: Flag is posted on center stage. An adult is hidden off stage with a microphone and the script. A fan may be set up to cause the flag to flutter in the wind. A den of Cub Scouts walks by and the Flag calls to them. They stop and listen and ask questions.

Flag: Hey, Cub Scouts!

Cubs: Huh?? What was that??

Flag: It was me
Cubs: Sounds like the flag is talking!
Flag: You are right!
Cubs: We are learning about you in Cub Scouts. Can you tell us about yourself?
Flag: I was born June 14, 1777

I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.

I am the refuge of the world's oppressed people.

I am the silent sentinel of Freedom.

I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.

I am the inspiration for which American patriots gave their lives and fortunes.

I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge to the jungles of Vietnam and the deserts of Iraq.

I walk in silence with each of your Honored Dead to their final resting place beneath silent white crosses, row upon row.

I have flown through peace and war, strife and prosperity, and amidst it all I have been respected.

Cubs: **WOW!!** Why are you red, white, and blue?

Flag: My red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious Nation.

My white stripes signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons.

My blue field is indicative of God's heaven, under which I fly.

My stars, clustered together, unify 50 states as one, for God and Country.

"Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high.

Cubs: What do we need to do?

Flag: Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and fortunes.

Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return.

Keep alight the fires of patriotism: strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.

Worship Eternal God, and keep His Commandments, and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind.

Cubs: I can't wait until we tell our Den Leader what we learned today!!

"I Am Your Flag," the flag parts of this opening, were written by Marine Master Sergeant Percy Webb for a flag booklet distributed in 1933.

PACK AND DEN ACTIVITIES

Safety Pin Flag



Materials:

9 safety pins, 1 ½ inches long

Red, white, and blue plastic beads, 4 mm diameter

or

9 safety pins, 7/8 inches long

Red, white and blue seed beads

Directions

1. String a pin with 4 red and 4 white beads. Start with white and alternate colors. You will end with a red bead.
2. String 3 more pins the same way.
3. String a pin with four blue beads, then , with a white, red, white and red bead.
4. String three more pins the same way.
5. Use a butter knife or pliers to bend open the non-fastening side of the pin. String the eight pins on this non-fastening side.
6. Put the four red and white pins on first. Then put on the four red, white and blue pins.

7. Pinch the pin closed.

This is essentially the same project, but explained slightly different. I thought I would run both versions to try and help everyone out. CD

Cut 5-Pointed Stars in One Snip

Cub Scouts really love MAGIC. And here's a magical way to get their attention. Read on -

George Washington's original pencil sketch for the flag indicated 6-pointed stars, a form he apparently preferred.

Betsy Ross, however, recommended a 5-pointed star. When the committee protested that it was too difficult to make, she took a piece of paper, folded it deftly, and with a single snip of her scissors, produced a symmetrical five-pointed star. This seeming feat of magic so impressed her audience that they readily agreed to her suggestion.

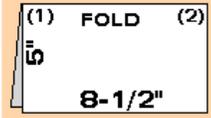
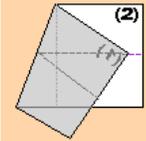
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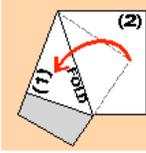
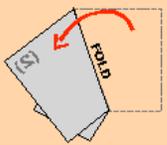
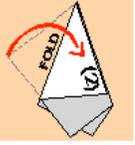
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<http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagstar.html>

More information is available at

<http://www.betsyrosshouse.org/>

<p>Step #1: Fold an 8-1/2" x 10" piece of paper in half.</p>	
<p>Step #2: Fold and unfold in half both ways to form creased center lines. (Note: be sure paper is still folded in half.)</p>	
<p>Step #3: Bring corner (1) right to meet the center line. Be sure to fold from the vertical crease line.</p>	

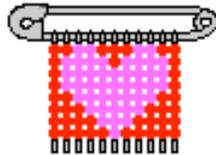
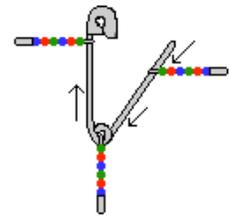
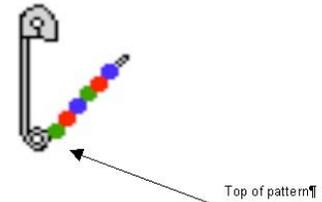
<p>Step #4: Bring corner (1) left till edges coincide, then make the fold</p>	
<p>Step #5: Bring corner (2) left and fold.</p>	
<p>Step #6: Bring corner (2) right until edges coincide. Then fold.</p>	
<p>Step #7: Cut on the angle as shown in the picture. Then unfold the small piece</p>	
<p>Step #8: Marvel at your perfect (we hope!) 5-pointed star! If your star is not perfect, take a fresh piece of paper (8-1/2" x 10" — not 8-1/2" x 11") and return to Step 1</p>	

Flag Seed Bead Pins

To make these pins, all you need are safety pins and seed beads. It would be handy to have needle-nose pliers and a small flat-head screwdriver. For these patterns, you will need 13 safety pins, one large safety pin, and red, white and blue seed beads.

Basic instructions

1. Open a safety pin and slip on seed beads according to the column on the pattern. Once all of the beads are in place, close the safety pin. You may want to pinch the end of the safety pin with the pliers so it will not pop open later. Repeat this for each column of the pattern.
2. Open the large safety pin. Use the screwdriver to gently pry apart the coils at the end of the pin.
3. Slip the loop of the first beaded pin onto the larger one. Pull it down to the coils of the larger one, all the way around, and up to the head of the pin. Do the same for the rest of the pins, being careful to keep them in the correct order!
4. Once all the beaded pins are on the large safety pin, squeeze the coils closed again with the pliers. It is now ready to be pinned on to whatever you wish.



Flag Seed Bead Patterns

B = Blue Bead
R = Red Bead
Plain = White Bead

USA Banner

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
2	R		R		R	B	B		R	B	B	B	R
3	R	B	R	B	R	B	R	R	R	B	R	B	R
4	R	B	R	B	R	B	B	B	R	B	B	B	R
5	R	B	R	B	R	R	R	B	R	B	R	B	R
6	R	B	B	B	R		B	B	R		R		R
7	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

American Flag

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	B	B	B	B	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
B	B	B	B	B								
B	B	B	B	B	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
B	B	B	B	B								
B	B	B	B	B	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

Lifesavers® Firecrackers

Materials:

- 1 package of Lifesavers
- Red masking tape
- Small foil stars
- 7"-8" Silver Pipe Cleaner

Directions

1. Cover a Lifesaver roll (except the ends) with red tape and randomly glue on foil stars.
2. Insert the pipe cleaner into the Lifesavers' holes, leave at least 2" of the pipe cleaner "wick" exposed.
3. Glue two foil stars together back to back at tip of wick.

Firecracker Neckerchief Slide

Materials:

- 1 Piece of 3/4" x 3" dowel rod
- 4 Strips of 1/4" x 3" red pipe cleaner
- 1 Piece of 3/4" x 3" blue construction paper
- 1 Silver or Gold stick-on star
- 1 Piece of PVC pipe, 1/4" x 1"
- 1 Piece of red pipe cleaner, 1" long

Directions

1. Sand the dowel rod and paint it white, let it dry.
2. Next, glue the red pipe cleaner pieces on at spaced intervals so it looks somewhat like the drawing below.
3. Glue the blue construction paper at the top, going around the dowel rod.
4. Bend the bottom of the 1" piece of red pipe cleaner about 1/4" and glue it on the top (at the center) so it appears to be the fuse for the firecracker.
5. Glue the star in the front at the top of the firecracker, on the blue ribbon.
6. Glue the piece of PVC pipe on the back for the neckerchief to slide into.

Bead Flag Pin

There are lots of other patterns available at <http://www.perlerbeads.com/>

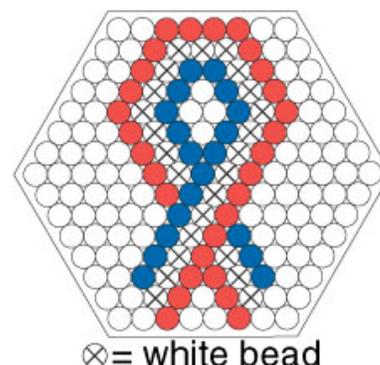
Materials

Small Hexagon pegboard for Perler (fusible) beads
 Red, White and Blue Beads
 Pin Backing
 Glue to attach pin to fused beads

Follow the pattern to make your pin.

White beads have an X,
 The plain white circles are empty,

Iron it according to the instructions that come with the beads.

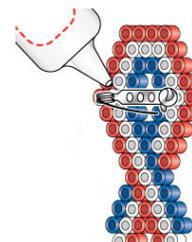


Boys can help with the ironing, but please don't let them iron on their own.

Next, glue on the pin backing with one of the types of glue listed above.
 Allow to dry. The pin is ready to wear!

FIRECRACKER SNAPPER

This is something which Granddad will remember, an old-time paper popgun made of cardboard folded over in an "L" shape. The pop is made by a triangular piece of light-weight typing paper glued to the muzzle and folded inward. Grab the handle loosely, raise it over your head and bring it down swiftly, so that the air movement makes the paper pop out and make a popping sound.



Parade Wavers

Fold a red paper plate in half. Glue one large blue and one large white star cut from construction paper onto the front and the back of the folded plate. Glue about 2 feet of red, white, and blue crepe paper streamers to the inside of the folded plate, alternating colors. These streamers should be glued near the center of the inside fold so that they remain secure while waving. Staple or glue the unfolded edges of the plate together. Attach a tongue depressor or paint stick for a handle by gluing one end of the stick to the backside of the plate.



Uncle Sam Windsock

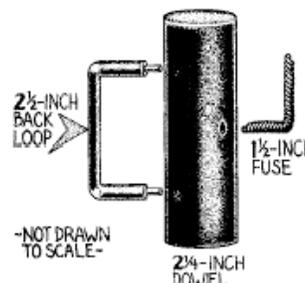
Curve the ends of a half sheet of white poster board back until they overlap slightly. Staple the ends in place. Paint or draw vertical stripes in red around the top half. Glue a dark blue paper strip around the middle of the cylinder, covering the ends of the red stripes. Draw a face on the bottom half of the cylinder. Red, white, and blue streamers can be glued to the inside of the bottom of the cylinder. For the hat rim, cut a blue circle larger than the cylinder's diameter. Center the cylinder atop the circle, draw the outline of the cylinder's diameter onto the blue circle, and then cut that outline from the interior of the blue circle. Slide the resulting blue "loop" onto the cylinder and tape in place.



The Firecracker Neckerchief Slide (M-80 style)

Make this bang-up slide for Independence Day.

- Obtain a dowel rod $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch in diameter
- Cut a piece to measure $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.
- Prepare to drill three holes with a $\frac{1}{16}$ inch drill bit.
- To make a hole for the fuse, drill the center of the length of the dowel about halfway through.
- Rotate the dowel one-quarter turn and draw a pencil line across the length of the dowel.
- To make holes for the back loop, drill two holes along the line a half-inch from each end.



- Lightly sand all surfaces with medium to medium-fine sandpaper. Smooth the edges of each end until slightly rounded.
- Paint the dowel red with either spray enamel or enamel model paint. Use several light coats rather than one heavy coat, allowing each coat to dry.
- For a fuse, cut a piece of candlewick or heavy cord about 1½ inches.
- Paint the fuse royal blue. After it has dried, glue the fuse into the center hole
- For the back loop, use a 2½ inch strand of 12-gage housing wire with plastic coating. Remove $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch of plastic from each end. Bend the ends at right angles so that the middle section matches the distance between the holes. Check to make sure the ends will fit before gluing in place.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATIONS

Joey's First Parade

Divide audience in five groups and assign each a word and a response they are to say every time they hear their word. Practice as you make assignments.

March - Stomp, stomp, stomp your feet!

Clown - Laugh out loud!

Parade - Hooray!

Dog - Argh, Argh!

Legs - Sooo Tall!

Joey awoke and looked at the calendar. Yep, today was the Fourth of July and Joey was excited. Today, he would **March** in his very first **Parade**. There would be floats and bands to celebrate America's Independence Day. As Joey arrived downtown, he could see everyone lining up for the **Parade**. He finally found his group and the Cubmaster.

The Cubmaster said, "Hi Joey! Are you excited and ready to **March** in the **Parade**?"

"I sure am!" said Joey. Suddenly Joey hears a loud whistle and the **Parade** was on its way. Joey stood as tall as he could, proud to be a Cub Scout. There were so many people

along the streets as they **Marched**. Up ahead of him he could hear the laughter of people and he longed to know what was so funny. Joey moved toward the front of his group and stretched to see. Then without warning there was in front of him, two **Legs**. That's all he saw, was two **Legs**. The crowd was laughing and they became louder as Joey followed the **Legs** up into the air. High up on the tallest **Legs** he had ever seen was a **Clown**. Wow! The **Clown** leaned over and patted Joey on the head. What a terrific trick and what long **Legs**! The **Clown** was holding on to a leash in his hand. Joey looked down to see what he and he saw the smallest **Dog** he had ever seen barking up at him. That's what is so funny and Joey began to laugh. The tallest **Clown** in the world was taking the smallest **Dog** in the world for a walk in the **Parade**! As he ran to join his group, Joey watched the **CLOWN** and **DOG** to the end of the **PARADE**.

That night Joey's dad tucked him into bed. Dad asked how his day had been. Did he have a great time in the **PARADE**?

"Oh, it was great, Dad!" Joey said "and I know exactly what I want to be when I grow up."

"Really, what is that Joey?" Dad asked.

"I want to be a **CLOWN** " Joey exclaimed.

"Goodnight Dad."

Dad chuckled as he turned off the lights. "Goodnight Joey".

Heritage Lost

Narrator: - Our American Heritage is filled with heroes. Everyone here has heard of Paul Revere and the story of his heroic ride to warn the people of Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts about the approach of the British army. His famous ride took place during the revolutionary war, on April 18, 1775. Paul was able to make his ride because he was signaled by a sentry, who watched for soldiers from the tower of the Old North Church in Boston, Paul and the sentry worked out a simple set of signals: the sentry would light lanterns... one lantern if the soldiers were approaching by land and two lanterns if they were arriving by sea. Paul, mounted on his horse would be watching for the signal, and ready to ride and warn the people of Lexington and Concord to be ready for the soldiers when they arrived.

Have you ever thought what a hard time Paul and his sentry would have had today. Just think of all the ways those British soldiers could come! Let's rewrite a little American history and you can help me and you'll see just how confusing it would be today. I want you to stomp the floor with your feet when I say the following words:

Stomp once every time I say the word LAND
Stomp twice when I say SEA
Stomp three times for AIRPLANE.
Stomp four times for TRAIN
Stomp five times for SUBMARINE.
Stomp six times for ROCKET

Now we are ready to take another look at history! In a steeple of the old North Church in Boston, a sentry looked out over the SEA. His eyes strained as he looked across the LAND. All was very still. It was late at night. Next to him was a lantern. He took a sheet of paper that a Boston citizen had given him from his pocket. It read, "Signal with you lantern when you see the British army approaching... The signals are: 1 if by LAND, 2 if by SEA, 3 if by AIRPLANE, 4 if by TRAIN, 5 if by SUBMARINE, and 6 if by ROCKET."

After reading it, the sentry began to put it in his pocket, just as a gust of wind blew the paper out of his hand. Out across the LAND and into the SEA it went. The sentry thought, "I'm sure I can remember it. Just then he saw a SUBMARINE surface a short distance from the LAND. He grabbed his lantern to wave it 4 times. "Oh, No!" he thought, "4 times is for ROCKET, or is it for LAND?" "No it's 1 for LAND, so it must be 2 for SUBMARINE, no, 2 is for AIRPLANE. It must be 3". As he started to raise his lantern, he remembered that 2 was for SEA, not AIRPLANE. "Oh, dear, what is SUBMARINE? Let's see SUBMARINE comes after TRAIN, but what's ROCKET? Oh, now I remember: ROCKET is 6 and TRAIN is 4 so SUBMARINE must be 5."

While the sentry was trying to remember his signals, the British SUBMARINE has loaded its passengers into launches and hundreds of British soldiers were now on LAND. "Oh, my," thought the sentry, "they are not in a SUBMARINE anymore, they are on LAND. I'll have to signal that." But he couldn't remember what the signal was for LAND. He desperately tried to remember. "I remember ROCKET and TRAIN. That leaves SEA, AIRPLANE and LAND. Oh, now which is it?" He sat there hopelessly confused. He just couldn't remember any signals. He couldn't unscramble ROCKET, AIRPLANE, LAND, SUBMARINE, SEA, and TRAIN. The British marched into Lexington and Concord and since all the people were sound asleep the soldiers had no trouble in capturing them.

The only person they met was a man sitting on a horse. Who he was or why he was there, no one seemed to know.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Fireworks

When we think of the 4th of July, our first thoughts are of fireworks, picnics and having fun. We tend to forget the real reason for this holiday. All of the fun things we do are in celebration of our American Independence. We might think of the fireworks we all enjoy as representing the battles Americans fought 200 years ago... battles that won the freedoms we all enjoy today.

In Cub Scouts, each boy must fight his own battles to accomplish the achievements required to earn ever higher ranks. Let's use fireworks to represent these battles.

The sparkler represents the new Bobcat... a boy eager to join the Cub Scout pack. He has a fiery enthusiasm as he begins his battle for the Wolf rank. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward and prove their readiness to join pack ____?

The firecracker represents a boy who has fought and conquered the 12 achievements required for the rank of Wolf Cub. He, with the help of his parents, has fought well. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward and receive the Wolf badge?

As a boy gains in years and experience, he uses the things he has learned to help in fighting increasingly difficult battles. Such is the case with the Cub Scout who has fought his way to the Bear Cub rank. We represent him with the aerial bomb. He has reached new heights of learning, ending in an explosion of new abilities. Will these boys and their parents please come forward?

The brilliance and color of the Roman candle is representative of the boy who is ready to receive his Webelos award. He is now mature enough to begin the battles for the remainder of his activity pins and to work towards the greatest victory in Cub Scouting - the Arrow of Light. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward?

And now, the skyrocket, representing the Webelos Scout who has fought his way to the top. He has soared to the highest point in Cub Scouting . . . the Arrow of Light. Victory is his. He is now prepared to approach the adventures of Boy Scouts.

All of our Cub Scouts are continuously fighting their biggest battle - learning to live with themselves. Victory is theirs when they follow our motto . . . Do your best.

Freedom Symbols of our Country

In our American history, we are fortunate to have many freedom symbols, which have special meaning to American citizens. Tonight I would like to tell you a little about one of these symbols as we honor those boys who are advancing along the Cub Scouting trail.

The Statue of Liberty stands 305 feet high in New York Harbor, welcoming people of other lands to become citizens of our democracy. France as a token of friendship gave the statue to the United States. Each year hundreds of tourists go to see Miss Liberty. The inscription at the base of this statue was written by Emma Lazarus, and reads in part: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free; the wretched refuse of your teeming shores; send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door". There is a golden door to scouting which is open to all boys. By walking through that door to Scouting, boy has an opportunity to grow in many ways and learn about citizenship, character and physical fitness. The boys who wish to walk through that door to scouting tonight are (read names). Will you and your parents please come forward? ***(Continue with regular Bobcat induction).***

Our American flag is much more than the red, white and blue cloth of which it is made. It is the symbol of America. It stands for the past, the present and the future of our country. When we show respect for the flag, we are showing respect for all that is America ... our land, our people, our way of life. When the 13 original colonies set out to become a free country nearly 200 years ago, their men and women needed a rallying point - a flag. "We will take the stars and blue union from heaven", the great George Washington is reported to have said, "red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty". Respect for the flag is one of the requirements for a boy to earn the Wolf rank. Tonight we have some boys who have completed all these requirements. ***(Call boys and parent forward and present badges and cards).***

The Declaration of Independence is one of many documents, which established freedom in America. It was on July 4, 1776, that the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and announced the separation of the 13 colonies from England. In America, we have a government of the people, by the people and for the people... not for just some of them, but for all people...the people to whom the Declaration of Independence refers when it says "all men are created equal", not equally talented or equally rich, but equal under law, and under God. All Scouts have an equal opportunity to advance in rank and earn badges. The following boys have earned Arrow Points to wear under the Wolf badge. ***(Call boys and parents forward to receive awards).***

One of the most beloved of our freedom symbols is the Liberty Bell. The Liberty Bell was rung in 1776 calling the people of Philadelphia to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. During the British occupation of Philadelphia, the bell was hidden beneath the floor of the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Sixty years later, as the bell was tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, it cracked. Since that time it has been on display in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, for all Americans to see. The bell is old, but the crack is plain to see, along with this inscription: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land". A study of our American Heritage is one of the twelve requirements for a boy to earn the Bear badge. The following boys will receive that badge tonight. ***(Call boys and parents forward to receive awards).***

Patriotic

This ceremony could be enhanced by having leaders portray the characters in costume. Feel free to change the characters and the badges they are awarding to fit your packs awards and available costuming.

CUBMASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, we have some honored guests here tonight. I would like to introduce Uncle Sam, Lady Liberty, and Yankee Doodle. Each of these individuals is an important symbol to the people of our country. Tonight, they are here to present some other symbols to some deserving young men. These symbols represent hard work, diligence, and jobs well done.

YANKEE DOODLE: We have some Cub Scouts who have earned some special awards. Would the following Cub Scouts and parents please come forward? (Call the names of those receiving Wolf badge and arrow points.)

LADY LIBERTY: I would like to call forward those Cub Scouts who have been working for some time and have achieved much. I would like them to present them with their awards. (Call the names of those receiving Bear badge and arrow points and their parents.)

UNCLE SAM: I would like to recognize some of the older boys in this group. You have given unselfishly of yourselves. For your loyal support over the years, I would like to present you with your awards. (Call the names of those receiving Webelos badges, activity badges, or compass points and their parents.)

CUBMASTER: I would like to thank our three guests for coming to help us tonight. And a special thanks to all the boys who have worked so hard to be examples and role models of good American citizens!

America the Beautiful

Put the rank awards for the Cub Scouts on the back of cut out stars on a blue board. You may want to use Velcro tape, card board with pins or a blue blanket.

Cubmaster: To many of America's citizens, the flag is very symbolic of "America the Beautiful". For in its Red, White, and Blue, we see America working as a team, a nation under God. In the firth of our flag, the stars in a field of blue were meant to represent a new constellation in the heavens. Tonight we add some new stars to our own constellation. As we add more and more stars, the heavens become brighter as the rays light up the path to truth and knowledge through Scouting. Will our new stars please come forward with their parents as their names are called?

GAMES

Flag Tag

Give each player two "flags" – 1 x 16-inch strips of leather or vinyl cloth.

Players loop their flags over their belts along the trouser seams, with only one inch behind the belt.

On signal, each player tries to grab the others' flags while protecting his own.

Winner is the last player in possession of at least one of his own flags and the one who captured the most flags.

Steal the Flag

Divide into two teams. The two teams line up about 20 feet apart facing toward the center and number off beginning at opposite ends; One person stands in the center of the playing field with his arms outstretched and loosely holding, in each hand, a corner of a flag. (use piece of old fabric for the flag).

The leader calls out a number and the person from each team, who is that number, runs to the center and circles the person holding the flag. At any time, they try to grab the flag and run back to their spot in the line without getting tagged.

If they are tagged before they get back, they must trade places with the person in the middle. Keep score by counting the number of times each team gets the flag safely back to their side.

Yankee Doodle Handicap

Line up the Dens in relay formation. Each boy runs up to a judge, eats a cookie provided by the judge, sings one verse of "Yankee Doodle," and then races back to touch off the next boy. The first team to finish wins. The losing Dens must serenade the winners with "Yankee Doodle."

Famous People

The players are seated in a circle. The leader names a famous person. The next player must name another famous person starting with the last letter of the first famous person's name (time must be allowed for determining the last letter). For example, the first person names 'Washington'. The next names 'Noah' and third, 'Hank Aaron.' If a player cannot name a famous person before the count of ten, he must pay a forfeit.

Independence Tag

As in all tag games, 'it,' pursues the rest of the players and tries to touch one of them. When one has been touched, he must keep his hand on the spot where he was tagged and pursue the others. His hand cannot be freed from this spot until he has tagged someone else. The idea is to tag people in inconvenient places, on the ankle, knee, etc.

American Heritage

Make posters of well-known buildings or symbols and put them up around the room, Number each poster. Give each person a piece of paper that is also numbered. Ask them to identify the posters and write the proper name by its corresponding number on the sheet of paper.

Suggestions are: American flag, 'White House, Lincoln Memorial, Eagle, Presidential seal, Uncle Sam, Statue of Liberty, etc.

Patriotic Colors

Equipment: None

Formation: Circle

The leader sits in the middle of the circle, points to a player and calls 'red'.

The player has to name an object that is red (e.g. tomato, fire engine) before the leader can count to 10 out loud.

The same object cannot be repeated later in the game.

If a player fails to think of an object before the leader counts to ten, the two switch.

Use the patriotic colors 'red', 'white' and 'blue'.

RED WHITE AND BLUE TAIL TAG

Equipment: Red, white and blue crepe paper streamers

To Play: Divide the players into three teams each assigned one color. Players tie a long streamer around their waist so that they have a tail approximately 2 feet long hanging behind them. The object is to rip off the opposing team's tails. Once a player's tail is ripped off, he must go to the sidelines or a designated "home" area for his team. He may not try to remove any more tails that round. The last team with at least one tail intact is the winner. At the end of the game, remind the players to "Leave No Trace" and pick up all of the tailpieces.

SONGS

AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Our father's God, to Thee,
Author of Liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright,
With Freedom's Holy light,
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

O, beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesties,
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed His Grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,

O, beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress,
A thoroughfare for freedom beat,
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O, beautiful for heroes proved,
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God the gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O, beautiful for patriot dream,
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears,
America! America!
God shed His Grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

You're A Grand Old Flag

Music and lyrics by George M. Cohan

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of
The land I love.
The home of the free and the brave.
Every heart beats true
'neath the Red, White and Blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag.
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

Yankee Doodle

Yankee Doodle went to town
A-riding on a pony
Stuck a feather in his hat
And called it macaroni.

CHORUS

Yankee Doodle, keep it up
Yankee Doodle dandy
Mind the music and the step
And with the girls be handy.

Father and I went down to camp
Along with Captain Gooding
And there we saw the men and boys
As thick as hasty pudding.

CHORUS

There was Captain Washington
Upon a slapping stallion
A-giving orders to his men
I guess there was a million.

CHORUS

This Land Is Your Land

Chorus:

This land is your land,
This land is my land,
From California,
To the New York Island,
From the Red Wood Forest,
To the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway,
I saw below me that golden valley,
This land was made for you and me.

Chorus:

I roamed and rambled, and I followed my footsteps,
To the sparkling sands of her diamond desert,
All around me a voice was sounding,
This land was made for you and me.

Chorus:

When the sun came shining, then I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving, and the dust clouds
rolling,
A voice was chanting as the fog was lifting,
This land was made for you and me.

Chorus:

The Cub Scout Pack

Tune: "You're a Grand Old Flag"

We're a Cub Scout Pack, we're a highflying
pack;
Down the trail of Akela we go,
From Wolf to Bear to Webelos,
As into good Cub Scouts we grow.
Every Cub is true to the gold and the blue,
And he never forgets the fact
That all the fun a boy could want
He can find in a Cub Scout Pack.

America's for You and Me

Tune: Clementine

Once a year, we have a party
A celebration for the states.
In honor of our country's freedom
And lady Liberty in bay.
We shoot fireworks, sing "Happy Birthday"
Celebrate the whole night long.
For we're proud to be Americans.
Yes, America's for you and me.

CUB GRUB

Red, White and Blue Freeze Pops

Ingredients

- 10 5-ounce plastic or paper cups
- 1 quart raspberry juice
- 10 Popsicle sticks
- 2 cups cold water
- 1 pint frozen vanilla yogurt
- 3/4-cup fresh blueberries
- Cookie sheet

Directions: *Make the night before*

Assemble the cups on a cookie sheet. Pour 1 inch of the raspberry juice into each cup, then place tray into freezer. When juice is partially frozen, set a Popsicle stick in the center of each cup and let the juice freeze solid. Next blend 1 cup of water and four large scoops of the frozen yogurt until smooth. Pour 1 inch of yogurt mix on top of the frozen juice layer in each cup and freeze again. While the second layer freezes, blend the second cup of

water, the blueberries, and a large scoop of the frozen yogurt. Spoon blueberries mix into the cups and freeze over night. To serve slide out of cups and enjoy!

STUNTS AND APPLAUSES

APPLAUSES & CHEERS

Ben Franklin – act out flying a kite, working the string up into the air, and then scream when you get zapped
Constitution – We the People Approve
George Washington – I cannot tell a lie. That was great!

Fireworks Cheer

Divide audience into two groups. Have everyone in a circle if you wish.

One half of circle (audience): Place the palm of your hand in front of your mouth and keep it moving in a circular motion while hissing.

Second half of circle (audience): Starting a couple of seconds after the first half, the rest of the circle whistles down the scale. (Doh, Te, La, So, Fah, Me, Ray, Doh.) (*or maybe jut have them do account down?? CD*)

When the whistlers get to the bottom of the scale (or countdown), everybody responds with a well rounded Boom!

Repeat all and Boom twice, Then repeat all again and Boom three times.

RUN-ONS

Washington's Farewell Address

It is announced that a member of the pack has memorized Washington's Farewell Address and is about to do a dramatic portrayal of it. A boy emerges dressed as Washington and delivers his farewell address:

Washington: Bye, Mom!" (He exits the stage.)

JOKES & RIDDLES

What did Delaware when Mississippi lent Missouri her New Jersey? *I don't know. Alaska.*

What did Paul Revere say at the end of his famous ride? *Whoa.*

Dink: Do you know what time it is?

Duff: Nome, I don't.

Dink: Alaska 'nother person.

What did Tennessee? *Whatever Arkansas. (Arkan saw.)*

Which three states have the most ducks? *North Duckota, South Duckota, and Kenducky.*

Where do they grow the green vegetable that is put in gumbo? *Okrahoma.*

What did Delaware? *Her New Jersey. (new jersey)*

Where does Maryland? *I don't know. Alaska. (I'll ask her.)*

1. What American has the largest family?
2. Why does the Statue of Liberty stand in New York harbor?
3. Why did Abraham Lincoln grow a beard?
4. Why is it impossible to send mail to Washington now?
5. Can you send mail to Lincoln?
6. If Washington went to Washington wearing white wool socks and Washington's wife waited in Wilmington, how many W's are there in all?

Answers

1. Washington, he is the Father of the Country
2. Because it can't sit or lie
3. His razor ran on AC (alternating current) and he was in Washington DC. (or he wanted to look like the guy on the \$5 bill)
4. Because he is dead

5. Yes, he left us his Gettysburg address
6. There are no W's in the word ALL

SKITS

Flags of America

This can be done by having each Cub make a picture of one of the flags and then telling about it or by having the Cubmaster or another leader simply talk about the flags. Besides a skit, it could serve well as an Opening or Closing. Or maybe you would want to use it for run-ons, having a Cub run out periodically and tell about one flag.

Do you know that a hundred flags or more have waved over what is today the United States of America? For almost 300 years, the flags of half a dozen foreign countries flew, at various times, over different parts of our country. Explorers and military leaders planted their standards on American soil; During the Revolutionary War, still more flags were added, until finally our country emerged with one flag.

Thirteen of these flags have special historical significance. Every night of the year one of them is hoisted by a Scout honor guard, to wave beside a majestic American flag of today, with its 50 stars. This ceremony takes place in the Flag Plaza of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. This is one of only a few places in our country where the flag of the United States is flown 24 hours a day.

St. George Cross: This was the first English flag used in North America. It was flown by John Cabot in 1497 under the reign of King Henry VII.

King's Colors: In 1620 when the Mayflowers landed in America, a new flag was used for the colonies. Our English forefathers brought with them their nation's flag, the British Union Jack, or King's Colors. Obviously this flag did not fulfill the need of the independent desires of the colonies.

Cromwell Flag: In 1707 Queen Anne adopted a new flag for England and her colonies. The King's Colors were placed on a field of red. This was called the British Red Ensign or Cromwell Flag.

Continental Flag: During the Revolutionary War, the colonists began unfurling new flags. Among them was the popular Continental Flag. It replaced the King's Colors with a Pine Tree, symbolic of the New England way of life.

Rhode Island Flag: In the early 1770s, resentment against the oppressive acts of the British Parliament led to acts of violence by early patriots. Such an incident occurred on June 10, 1772 when an angry group of Rhode Islanders captured and burned His Majesty's revenue cutter, Gaspee. Their regimental flag was the basis for their state flag today.

Pine Tree Flag: In 1775 the colonies launched some floating batteries in the New England area. These vessels were put into service against the British shore defense. The flag flown on these ships was the famed Massachusetts Colony Flag or Pine Tree Flag.

Bunker Hill Flag: On the nights of June 16-17, 1775, the Americans fortified Bunker Hill overlooking Boston Harbor. The next day, the British attacked with 2400 men. Twice they were driven back. The Americans, short of powder and shot, had to withdraw on the third assault, but not before they had felled almost half the British force.

Gadsden Flag: The Southern Colonial States played an equally important part in writing our flag history. Colonel Gadsden of South Carolina designed the Snake Flag or Gadsden Flag as an answer to the British. It is said the inscription on the flag was a warning meaning it was dangerous to tread on the colonies.

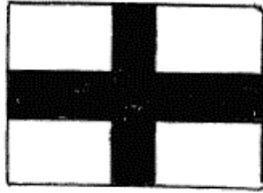
Grand Union Flag: On January 1, 1776, the Continental Army came into formal existence. The next day, General Washington, commander in chief, accepted this flag "in compliment to the United States". The 13 stripes signified the original 13 colonies.

Bennington Flag: This flag with its unusual arrangement of the stars and seven white and six red stripes, flew over military stores in Bennington, Vermont, in 1777. It was under this flag that General John Stark's militia defeated a large British raiding force, thus protecting the precious military supplies that had been stored at Bennington,

Stars and Stripes: The first Stars and Stripes was adopted June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress resolved that "the flag of the 13 United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white, and the union by 13 stars, white on a blue field representing a new constellation". The stars were arranged in a circle, presumably on the idea that no colony should take precedence.

Star Spangled Banner: Shortly before the War of 1812, two new states were added to the Union and the flag was changed from 13 to 15 stars and stripes. On September 13, 1814, when the British fleet attacked Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Francis Scott Key, a Washington lawyer, was detained on board a British ship during the bombardment. The sight of the American flag still waving the next morning inspired him to write our National Anthem.

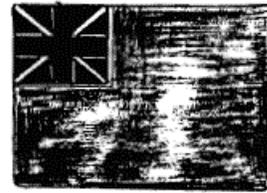
Old Glory: As the United States expanded and more states entered the Union, it became necessary to adopt a practical design to represent each new state. Fearing that too many stripes would eventually spoil the design of the flag, an 1818 law returned the flag to its original design of 13 stripes, and provided for a new star to be added to the blue field as each new state came into the Union. Our present 50 starred flag still follows this plan.



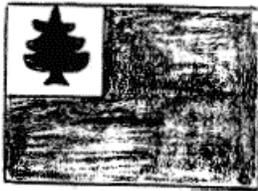
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CROMWELL FLAG
1707



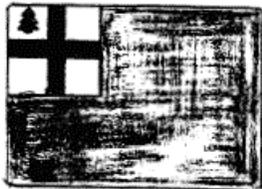
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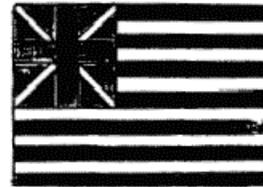
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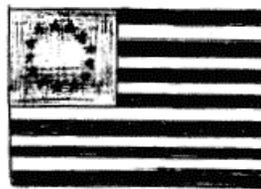
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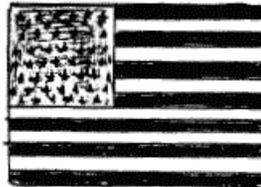


STARS & STRIPES



STAR SPANGLED BANNER
1814

OLD GLORY
1818



CLOSING CEREMONIES

Flag Folding Ceremony

The flag folding ceremony described by the Uniformed Services is a dramatic and uplifting way to honor the flag on special days, like The Fourth of July, Memorial Day or Veterans Day, and is sometimes used at retirement ceremonies.

Here is a typical sequence of the reading:

(Begin reading as Honor Guard or Flag Detail is coming forward).

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag that denotes honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

(Wait for the Honor Guard or Flag Detail to unravel and fold the flag into a quarter fold--resume reading when Honor Guard is standing ready. The Honor Guard should make each fold after the reading is complete.)

- The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.
- The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.
- The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.
- The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
- The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
- The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on mother's day.
- The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the characters of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
- The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.
- The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.
- When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we Trust."

(Wait for the Honor Guard or Flag Detail to inspect the flag--after the inspection, resume reading.)

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

[This Flag Folding Ceremony is from the US Air Force Academy]

I Am Your Flag

This could be either an Opening or a Closing Ceremony.

Personnel: 8 cubs in uniform, each holding a small American flag.

Cub #1: I am the symbol of the living America, the badge of its greatness, the emblem of its destiny.

Cub #2: I am faith. It is I who keep men mindful of their priceless heritage, life, liberty, and the right to pursue happiness.

Cub #3: I am hope. I represent the land of promise wherein, already man's loftiest dreams have approached closer to realization than ever before elsewhere on this earth.

Cub #4: I am love. Each strand of fiber of my being is a memorial dedicated to the sacrifices of all those strong men and steadfast women who have lived and died in the nation's service, that it might live forever.

Cub #5: I am tolerance. So long as I shall wave, all people under my protection may freely worship, think, write and speak, undaunted by the shadow of fear.

Cub #6: I am justice, tempered with mercy; for I am friend to the oppressed and downtrodden of every land.

Cub #7: I am a sign of the future. I wave over schools throughout the nation and in them the nation's future is molded.

Cub #8: I am the flag of the United States of America...the last...the best hope for peace on earth.

Patriotic Ceremony

Personnel: Cubmaster and six boys

- CM:** I asked myself a question today, "What does it mean to be an American?" There were several answers and they were all good.
- Cub # 1: Freedom to think and to say what I think.
- Cub # 2: Freedom to worship as I please.
- Cub # 3: Freedom to move about.
- Cub # 4: Freedom to try, and freedom to fail.
- Cub # 5: Freedom to stand up straight and look the world in the eye.
- Cub # 6: Freedom from want, and freedom from fear.
- CM:** These freedoms were not of my doing. They were here long before I was born. My forefathers and yours fought to win them. I have four guarantees they will remain, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, my fellow Americans, and myself. No man could ask for more.

Patriotic Closing

Arrangements Three flashlights with red colored tissue paper (one thickness) banded on one and blue colored tissue paper (one thickness) banded on the other; the third one will show as white. Three Cubs.

- Cub # 1: (Turn Red Light on) The red of my flag is the 11feblood of brave men ready to die or worthily live for this, our country.
- Cub # 2: (Turn White Light on) The white of my flag is for purity; cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed.
- Cub # 3: (Turn Blue Light on) The blue of my flag is for truth and justice, like the eternal blue of the star-filled heavens.
- Cub # 4: My flag, the flag of America... home of liberty, land of opportunity, where men and women of all races and creeds live together in peace and friendship.

Cubmaster: As we journey homeward today, let us remember that each of us represent the freedom of America; it's one-ness is unique in the entire world, just as each of us are unique. We are all one family, together. Smile at those around you. Enjoy the freedom to be friendly without someone questioning your motives. Do your best to help other people enjoy this wonderful land of ours.

Cubmaster's Minutes

America The Beautiful

This evening we have shared our respect for our great country. We have seen some of the glory that is the United States. The most fitting end to our meeting is to sing "America the Beautiful". In this great song we sing of the glory of our great land, but the last two lines of every verse have an acknowledgement of God who guides us all.

Just to recall the last two lines of the first verse.

"America, America, God shed his grace on thee.

And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea."

Everyone please stand and join me in singing "America the Beautiful."

America Promises

America promises us freedom to worship, to learn, to assemble, and to debate any issue. It is a land where people from other countries can find a home, where there is work to do, where we can express our opinions, and where we are free to come and go as we please. Our wonderful heritage, earned for us by our forefathers, is sometimes taken for granted. Unless we cherish this legacy and use it wisely, it may be lost to future generations. People working together with imagination, vitality, and persistence, have produced marvelous inventions and wonders of technology beyond anything our forefathers might have dreamed of. Working together, we can preserve and protect our beautiful land for future generations.

STRENGTH IN UNITY

This ceremony can be used just before returning the colors or by itself to emphasize patriotism.

PERSONNEL: Cub Leader, Cub Scout color guard and bearer.

EQUIPMENT: A single wooden match and a bundle of five wooden matches, US flag.

LEADER: I hold in my hand several wooden matches. You can see that one match alone is easy to break (demonstrates by breaking in two a single match).

But when I put five or more together, they are almost impossible to break (makes unsuccessful effort to break bundle of five matches).

Each month we learn more about the wonderful freedom and responsibilities our national flag stands for. If it could speak, it could tell about many battles fought to maintain these freedoms we love.

When our pack works together to uphold the wonderful traditions behind it, we, too, will be very hard to stop.

One Nation Under God, Part 1

The pledge of allegiance symbolizes our loyalty to America. In 1892 Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister, wrote the original pledge to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America. After a proclamation by President Benjamin Harrison, the pledge was then used in the public schools. For Flag Day in 1924 the words "my flag" was officially changed to "the flag of the United States of America". The United States Congress officially recognized the pledge of allegiance in 1942. Then in 1954 the words "under God" were added, stating that we are not "Godless people".

Dwight D. Eisenhower quoted, "From this day forward, millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and every rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty." Cub Scouts, Scouts, and leaders all over the U.S. Recite the Pledge at meetings and gatherings. All Scouts are asked the meaning and purpose of the Pledge and if they are willing to live accordingly. Let us now show our gratitude for this symbol of Happiness and freedom. Please arise and give the proper salute.

One Nation Under God, Part 2

Little bits of flag information--

The pledge reads "...one nation under God... ." You will notice that the comma is before and after the phrase. Most Americans pause after the word nation. It should read in one breath "...one nation under God... ."

The surrender of the eleven Southern States, who in 1861 seceded from the Union, established forever that the United States was "One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."